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Amount available under " Public Account."

* 668 *Q.*—Sri S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state what amount " under Public Account " was available (outstanding) on the closing day of last month, without investment on capital works?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The total amount outstanding under " Public Account " and remaining uninvested on the 31st January 1953 (the latest date for which figures are now available), was Rs. 26·20 lakhs, which represents a liability to the Government. The total amount due to the Government from local bodies, cultivators, etc., in respect of loans and advances given previously to them, was about Rs. 24½ crores, as on the 31st January 1953."

Weavers' Relief Scheme.

* 669 *Q.*—Sri PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state regarding the Weavers' Relief Scheme as on 28th February 1953—

(*a*) the total amount of share capital advanced to handloom weavers to become members of Weavers' Co-operatives;

(*b*) the total number of handlooms working under the Relief Scheme;

(*c*) the total amount of working capital advanced to the weavers' co-operatives working under Relief Scheme;

(*d*) the total amount of wages paid to the handloom weavers under the Relief Scheme and what is the average monthly wage earned by a loom; and

(*e*) the minimum weaving wage being paid under Relief Scheme?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

House-sites for Harijans in Krishna district.

* 670 *Q.*—Sri G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued instructions to the District Welfare Officers to acquire only dry lands for house-sites for Harijans; and

(*b*) how many acres of wet lands were acquired for house-sites for Harijans in the year 1952–53 in the (1) State and (2) in Krishna district?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) (1) 80 acres 96 cents.

(2) 14 acres 76 cents."

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 656–657 infra.